

years of age. In 1854 he united with the First Baptist Church of that city. In the spring of 1859 he helped in the organization of the Chicago Sunday School Association, of whose executive committee he was afterward chairman. In the summer of the same year he helped to organize the Illinois State Sunday School Association and was for thirty years the chairman of its executive committee.

At the session of the International Sunday School Convention in Toronto, in June, 1881, Mr. Jacobs was chosen chairman of the executive committee, which position he held until his death, in 1902. The work immediately felt the thrill of his touch. He was born to lead. He was gentle and yet as firm as a rock. Men loved him and followed him. He was the most prominent factor in the Sunday-school world for twenty years. When he was called to the leadership the forces were few and feeble and discouraged. He left them a well organized and enthusiastic army.

It was he who saw the wider possibilities, and it was his hand which penned the following words, taken from the report of the executive committee in the city of Chicago in 1887: "We submit for your consideration the question of an International Sunday School Convention, to include all lands, to be held in Europe at such time and place as may be decided upon by the new executive committee in correspondence with the workers abroad." Out of this recommendation grew the organization of the World's Sunday School Convention, which held its first session in the city of London in 1889. Mr. Jacobs was the chairman of its executive committee from its organization until the day of his death.

While the clans were beginning to move toward Denver for the session of the Tenth International Convention, the press of the country told that the great leader had gone to his coronation. He died in Chicago, June 23, 1902.

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In 1887, among the new names appearing as members of the International Executive Committee was that of Mr. W. N.